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CIA Funds Reported Sent To Dallas Body Foundation Trustee Denies Knowledge Of Any Donations

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Banker James Aston, a trustee of the multimillion-dollar Karl Hoblitzelle Foundation, said Saturday he had no knowledge of Central Intelligence Agency money being funneled into the foundation.

The New York Times News Service in a copyrighted story said Saturday that the Hoblitzelle Foundation was one of several foundations that received CIA funds to be passed along to CIA-designated organizations.

Karl Hoblitzelle, who created the foundation with his wife in 1942, was too ill to comment on the report Saturday.

Contacted by The News in Baltimore, Md., John Q. Adams, vice-president and managing director of the foundation, said, "I will have no comment here because all this has happened after I left Dallas. All I know is what I've read in the papers here."

Adams indicated he might comment on the matter after he returns to Dallas Monday.

Hoblitzelle is president of Interstate Theaters, Inc., and board chairman emeritus and largest stockholder of Republic National Bank.

The M. D. Anderson Foundation of Houston was named as another foundation through which CIA funds were passed.

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MANY CIA OPERATIONS were disclosed in the wake of Ramparts Magazine's disclosure that the CIA had contributed to overseas activities of the National Student Association.

The most common technique of the CIA was what is known as "the pass-through" or "triple pass."

First the agency transferred money to a front foundation, no more than a mail drop, which it had set up for the purpose.

The 1964 hearings of the subcommittee on foundations of the House Select Committee on Small Business, headed by Rep. Wright Patman, D-Texas, disclosed eight of these CIA front foundations or funds—the Gotham Foundation, Michigan Fund, Price Fund, Edsel Fund, Andrew Hamilton Fund, Borden Trust, Beacon Fund and Kentfield Fund.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS believed to be also CIA fronts, either wholly or in part, include the Knickerbocker Foundation, Metropolitan Foundation, Northcraft Educational Fund and Victoria Strauss Fund.

The Hoblitzelle Foundation, between 1959 and 1965, received contributions of \$505,700, of which \$250,000 was listed as coming from anonymous donors and the rest from the Borden, Tower, Beacon, Price, Monroe and Heights Funds.

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